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S.F. No. 3501 - Working Group on Local Candidate Campaign Finance Reporting

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Section 1 [Working group on local candidate campaign finance reporting] establishes the working group on local candidate campaign finance reporting.

Subdivision 1 [Definitions] establishes definitions for the section.

Subdivision 2 [Establishment] requires the working group to examine whether local candidate campaign finance reports should be filed with the board instead of with a local filing officer.

Subdivision 3 [Membership] provides that the working group is made up of members of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (Board), members appointed by various local government associations, and legislators.

Subdivision 4 [Chairs; meetings] requires the executive director of the Board to convene the first meeting of the working group no later than 4 weeks after the effective date of the act. At the first meeting, the members must elect a chair from amongst the members. The working group is subject to the Open Meeting Law.

Subdivision 5 [Administrative support] requires the Legislative Coordinating Commission to provide administrative support and meeting space for the working group.

Subdivision 6 [Duties] establishes the duties of the working group, which includes reviewing current laws governing local candidate campaign finance reporting requirements; assessing the current systems; evaluating the capacity of the Board to take on the local reports; and making recommendations.

Subdivision 7 [Report] requires the working group to submit a report to the legislature by January 15, 2025.

Subdivision 8 [Expiration] provides that the working group expires upon submission of its report to the legislature or January 16, 2025, whichever is later.

Section 2 [Appropriation] includes a blank appropriation to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the working group established in section 1.

Section 3 [Effective Date] provides an immediate effective date for this act.